

CONCLUSIONS

Department understands your Argentine colleague will be instructed to request support of port to which you accredited. After consultation with [redacted] indicate to appropriate level POLICY US supports Argentine in [redacted] and US Reps be instructed vote favorable at Nov 5 meeting. US attaches importance unanimous approval if possible in order maintain united front established Oct 23 Res. Report reaction so next.

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ACTION: CIRCULAR 818

After consultation USG, Argentine COAS Rep has circulated to other COAS Reps text following proposed Resolution re command of forces in Cuban action for approval by COAS/OC Nov. 5:

QUOTE COAS/OC Reseulve, (1) Tomar debida nota de las contribuciones militares y de otro genero que has efectuado y efectuen estados miembros para dar cumplimento a la Resolución del COAS/OC, 23 Octubre;

(2) Invitar a estaos miembros que participan con efectivos militares otra contribución a defense continente, tomar directamente entre ellos medidas de caracter tecnico necessarias para establecer acción coordinada y eficaz de las fuerzas combinadas. UNQUOTE

Resolution appears to us satisfactory method handling political problem presented to some contributing countries, and should not create difficulties for non-contributors. Limits participation to those countries actually contributing forces or facilities and thus preferable Venezuelan idea meeting of Defense Ministers ARs or use of IADB. Moreover, language sufficiently flexible so as to permit arrangements in practice which leave actual command and control in US hands as it must be.

Department understands your Argentine colleague will be instructed request support of govt to which you are accredited. After consultation with him, please indicate to appropriate level [?] US supports Argentine initiative and hopes COAS Reps be instructed vote favorable at Nov. 5 meeting. US attaches importance unanimous approval if possible in order maintain united front established Oct 23 Res. Report reaction soonest.

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